Wilmington, Delaware July 3, 2014

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Sponsor:

Council Member D. Brown

Co-Sponsor:

Council Member Shabazz WHEREAS, transportation is fundamental to the vitality and strength of Wilmington and the State of Delaware, its cities and neighborhoods, and its economy and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the transportation infrastructure is underfunded and in many ways inadequate to facilitate economic growth, business distribution needs, downtown revitalization, and future population trends; and

WHEREAS, bridge improvements and maintenance have gone neglected like that of I-495, due to inadequate funding; and

WHEREAS, public transportation continues to gain riders yet suffers from a shortfall in funding; and

WHEREAS, public transportation and other alternatives help alleviate traffic, minimize pollution and accommodate under served and environmentally friendly residents; and

WHEREAS, road, highway, transit and bridge improvements have traditionally enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation programs expire on September 30, 2014 and federal funding may run out before that time; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation has warned states that funding for projects will cease; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF WILMINGTON that in order to improve the economy and quality of life in Wilmington, and to better ensure the safety of our citizens, this Council does hereby support efforts to pass a bipartisan, long term funding program for much needed transportation projects throughout our City.

> Passed by City Council, July 3, 2014

Approved as to form this 3rd day of July, 2014